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H.B. No. 2870

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to an exemption from certain state and local governmental  
3 fees for active duty members of the Texas National Guard and Texas  
4 State Guard.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 437.217(a), Government Code, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (a) A member of the National Guard on federal active duty, a  
9 member of the Texas National Guard or Texas State Guard on state  
10 active duty, or a member of the armed forces of the United States on  
11 active duty, who is preparing to be deployed to serve in a hostile  
12 fire zone as designated by the United States secretary of defense is  
13 exempt from paying the following state or local governmental fees  
14 the member incurs because of the deployment to arrange the member's  
15 personal affairs:

16 (1) fees for obtaining copies of:

- 17 (A) a birth certificate;  
18 (B) a recorded marriage license;  
19 (C) a divorce decree;  
20 (D) a child support order;  
21 (E) guardianship documents; and  
22 (F) property tax records;

23 (2) fees for issuing a marriage license or duplicate  
24 marriage license; and

1           (3) fees for transferring title to real or personal  
2 property.

3           SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
4 to a state or local governmental fee assessed on or after the  
5 effective date of this Act. A state or local governmental fee  
6 assessed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the  
7 law in effect when the fee was assessed, and that law is continued  
8 in effect for that purpose.

9           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.